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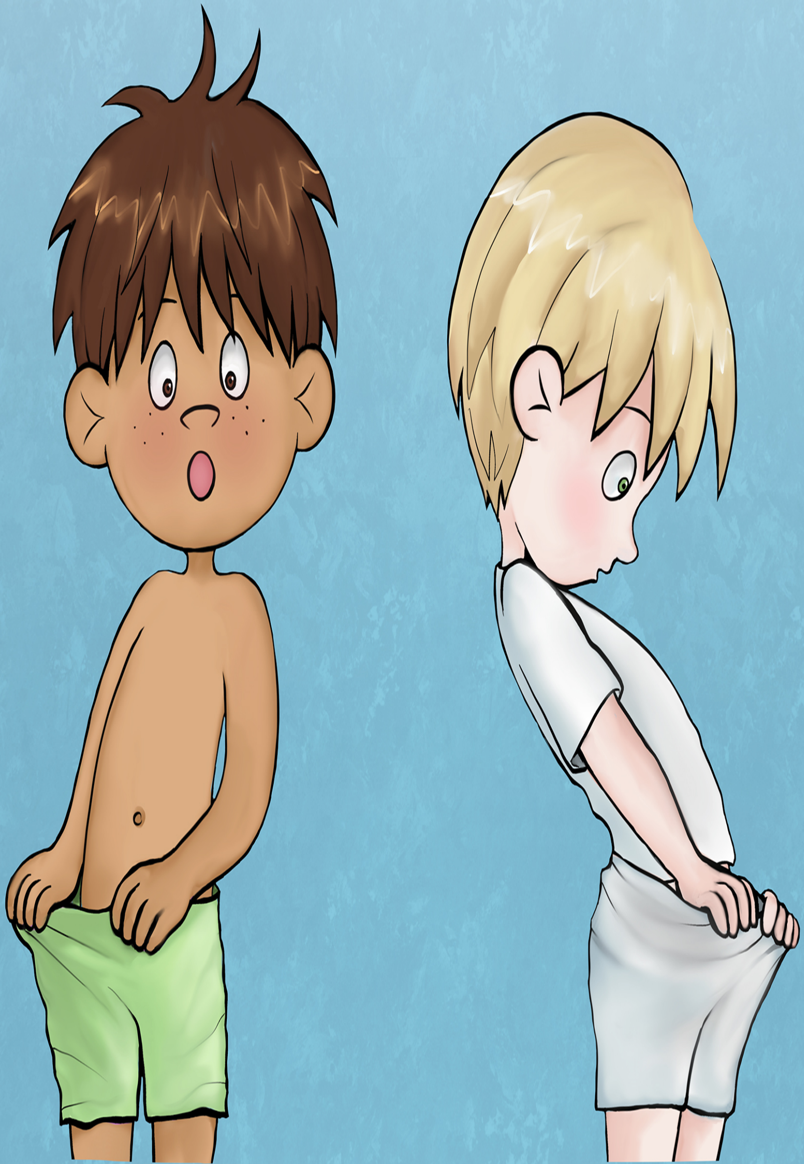

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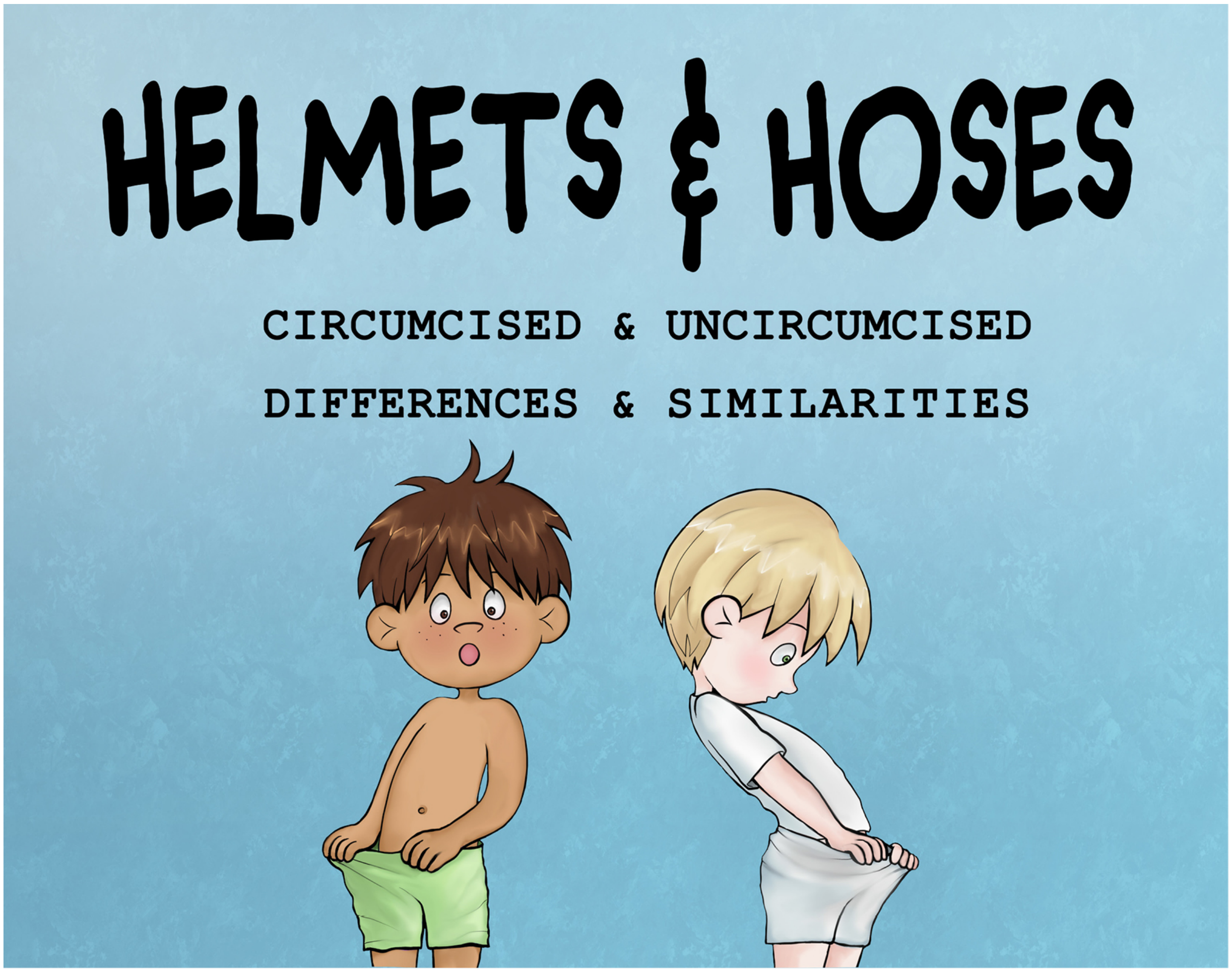
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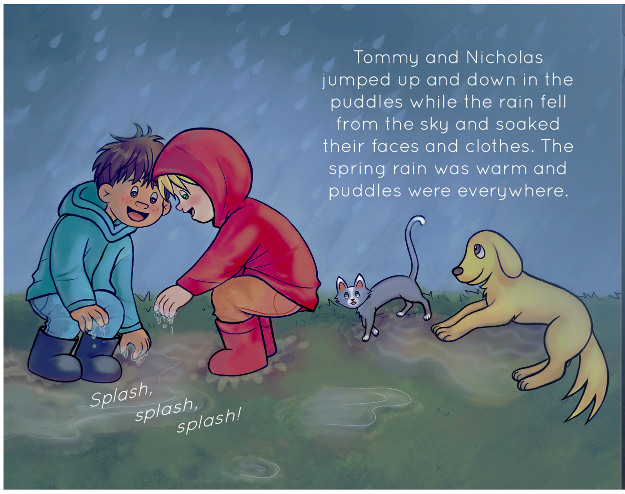

Tommy and Nicholas jumped up and down in the puddles while the rain fell from the sky and soaked their faces and clothes. The spring rain was warm and puddles were everywhere.

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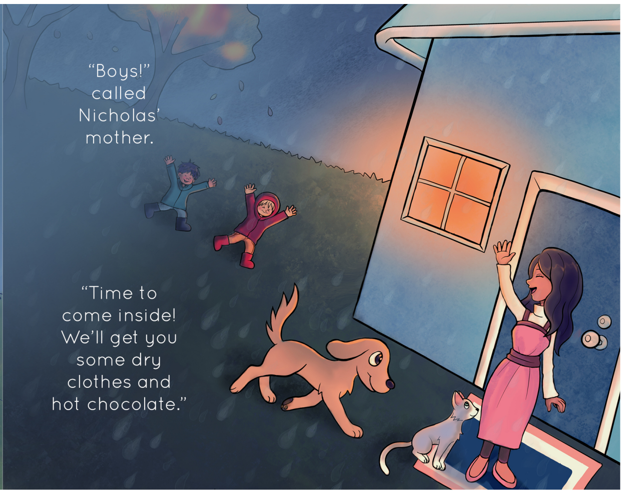
splash!



"Boys!" called Nicholas' mother.

"Time to come inside! We'll get you some dry clothes and hot chocolate."

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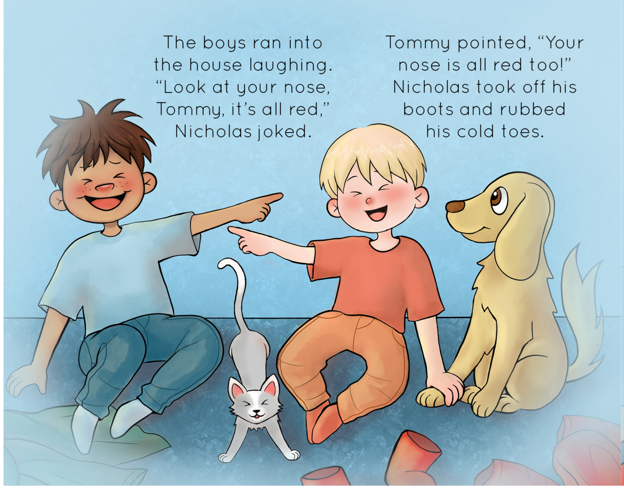
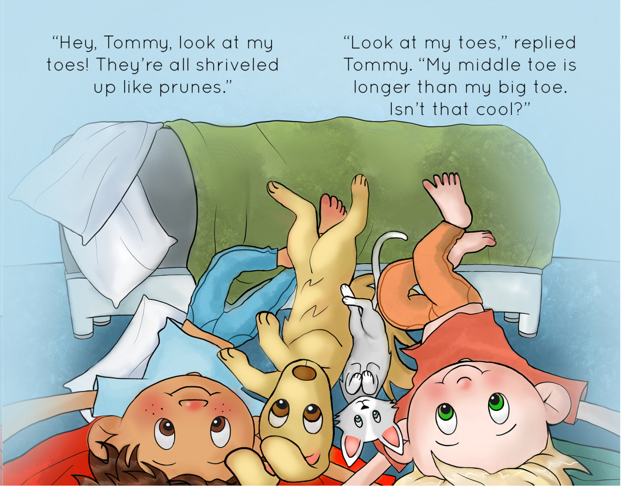


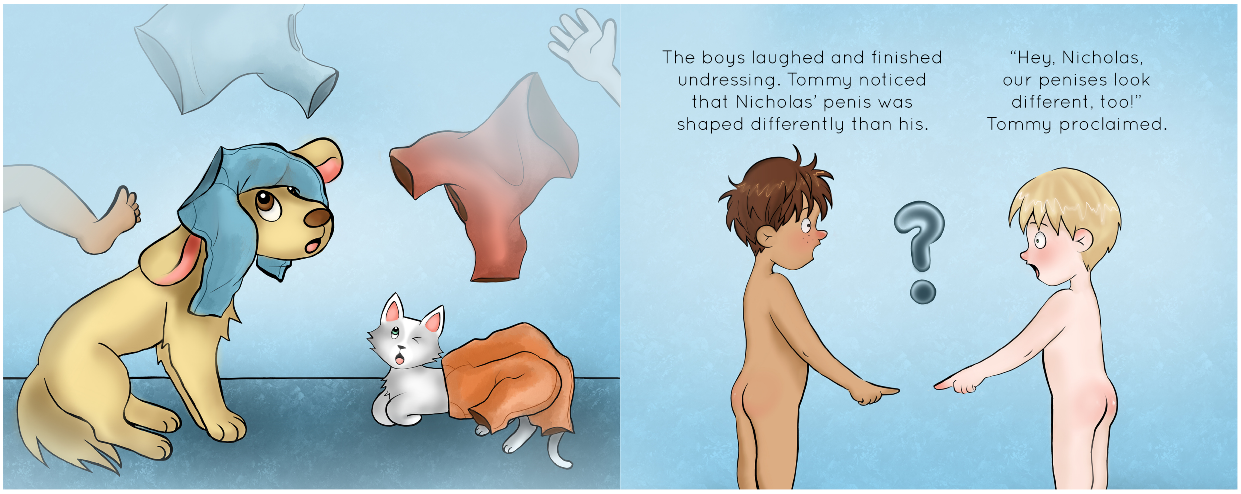
The boys ran into the house laughing. "Look at your nose, Tommy, it's all red," Nicholas joked.

Tommy pointed, "Your nose is all red too!" Nicholas took off his boots and rubbed his cold toes.



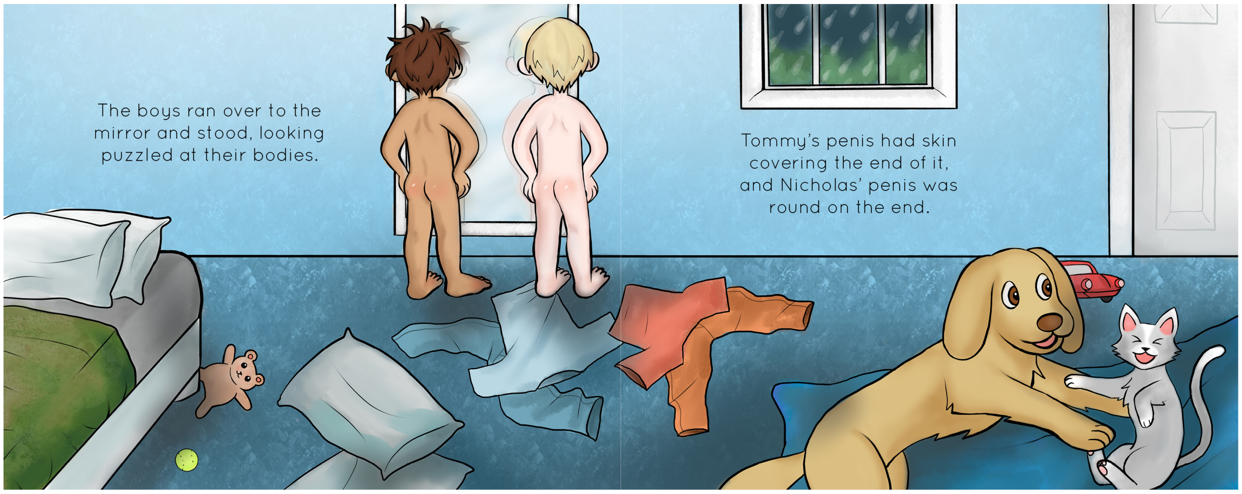
"Hey, Tommy, look at my toes! They're all shriveled up like prunes."

"Look at my toes," replied Tommy. "My middle toe is longer than my big toe. Isn't that cool?"



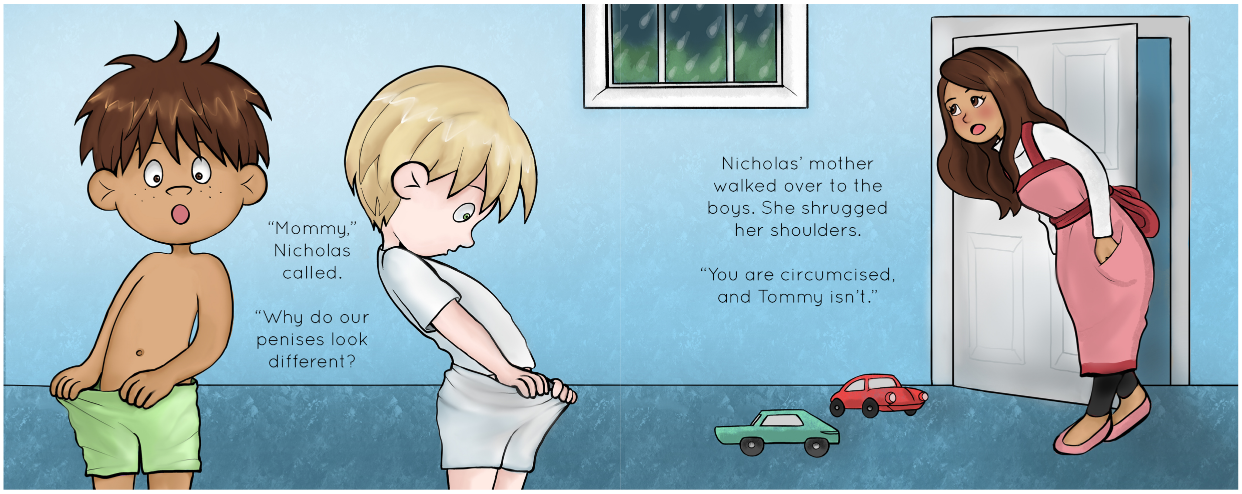
The boys laughed and finished undressing. Tommy noticed that Nicholas' penis was shaped differently than his.

"Hey, Nicholas, our penises look different, too!" Tommy proclaimed.



The boys ran over to the mirror and stood, looking puzzled at their bodies.

Tommy's penis had skin covering the end of it, and Nicholas' penis was round on the end.

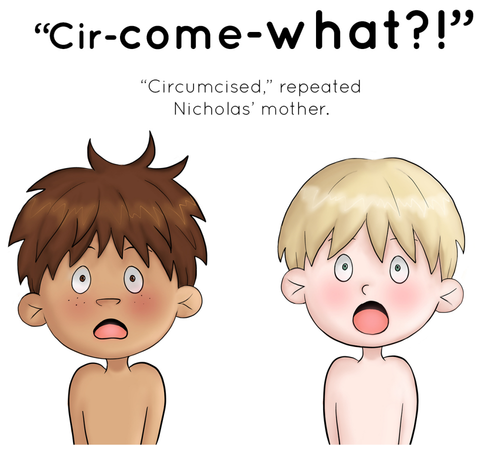


“Mommy,” Nicholas called.

“Why do our penises look different?

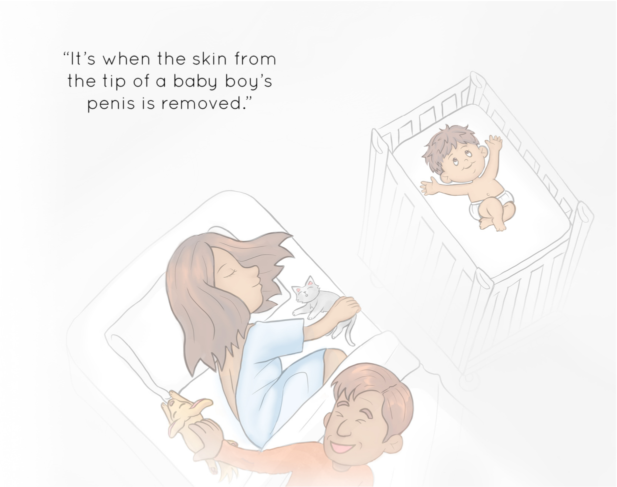
Nicholas’ mother walked over to the boys. She shrugged her shoulders.

“You are circumcised, and Tommy isn’t.”

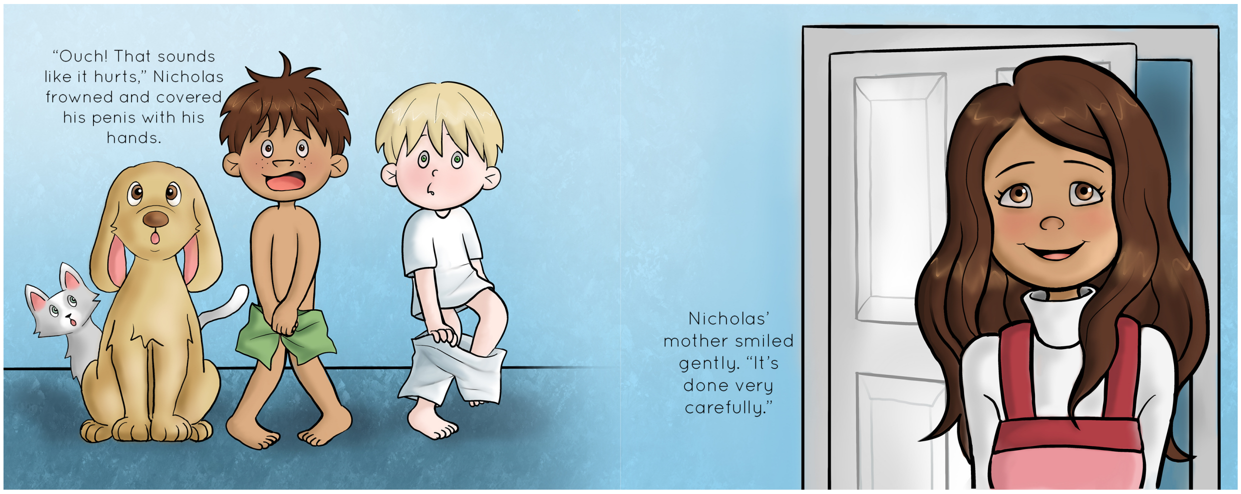


"Cir-come-what?!"

"Circumcised," repeated Nicholas' mother.

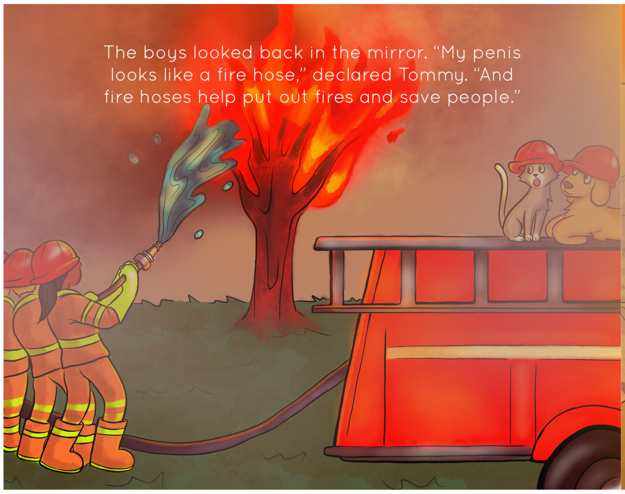


"It's when the skin from the tip of a baby boy's penis is removed."

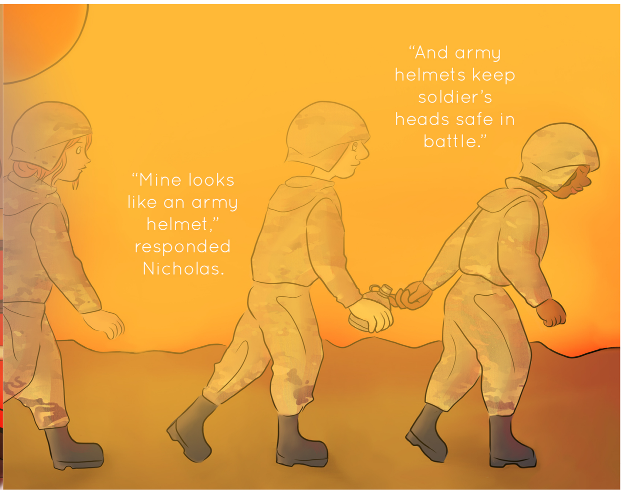


“Ouch! That sounds like it hurts,” Nicholas frowned and covered his penis with his hands.

Nicholas’ mother smiled gently. “It’s done very carefully.”

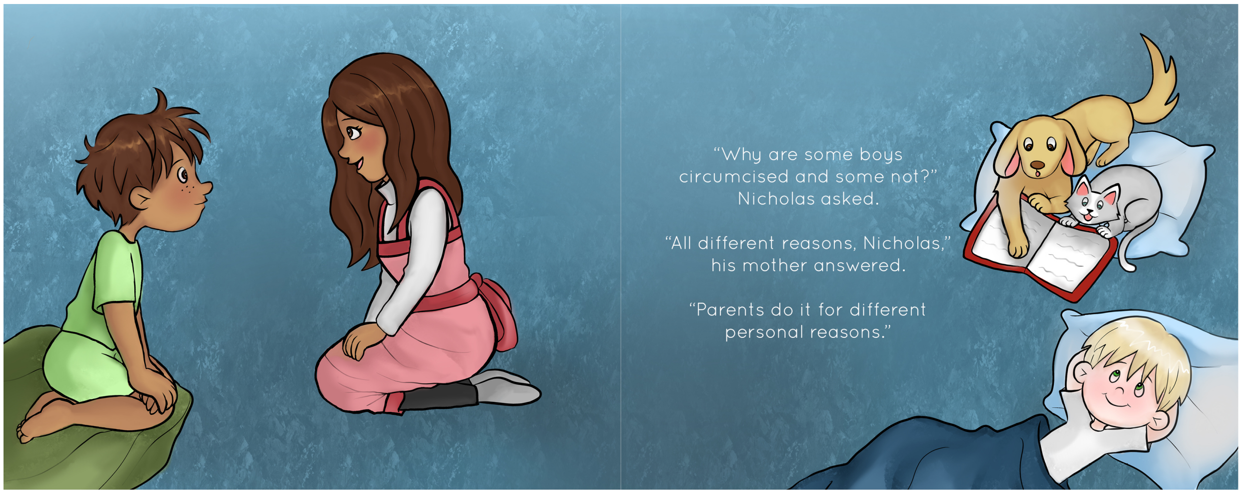


The boys looked back in the mirror. "My penis looks like a fire hose," declared Tommy. "And fire hoses help put out fires and save people."



"Mine looks like an army helmet," responded Nicholas.

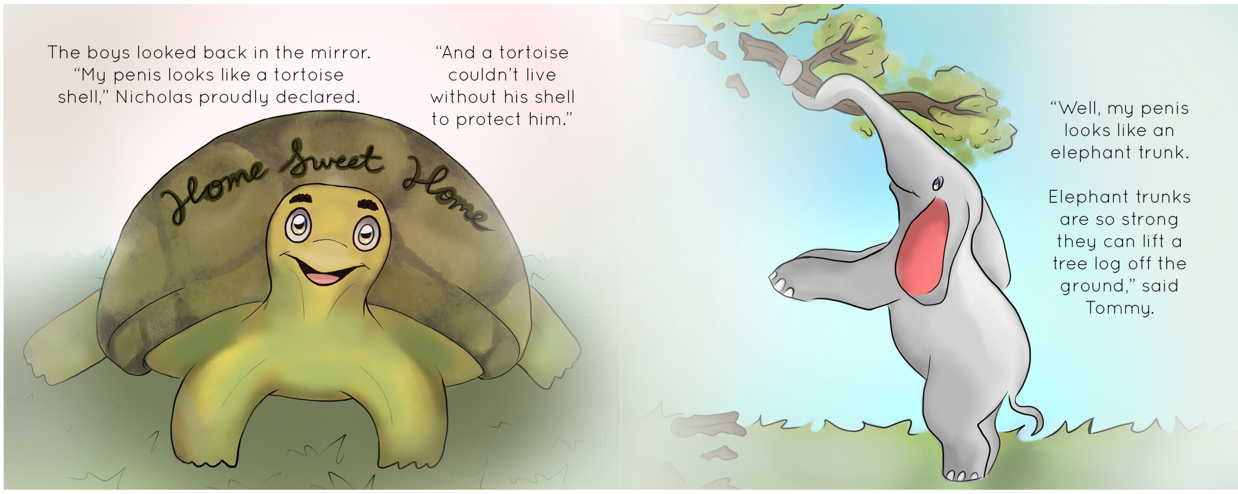
"And army helmets keep soldier's heads safe in battle."



"Why are some boys
circumcised and some not?"
Nicholas asked.

"All different reasons, Nicholas,"
his mother answered.

"Parents do it for different
personal reasons."

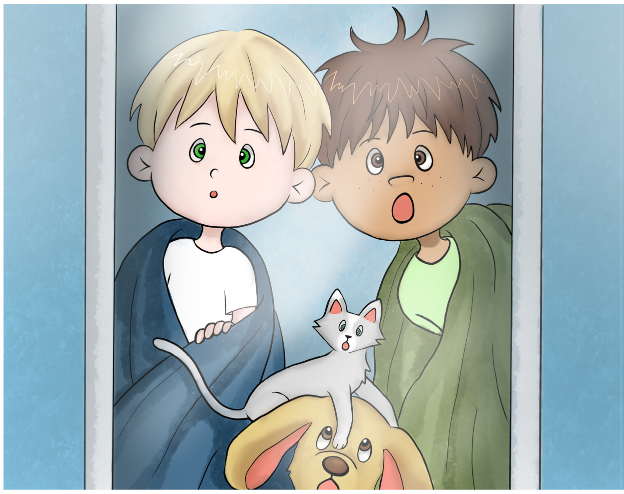


The boys looked back in the mirror. “My penis looks like a tortoise shell,” Nicholas proudly declared.

“And a tortoise couldn’t live without his shell to protect him.”

“Well, my penis looks like an elephant trunk.

Elephant trunks are so strong they can lift a tree log off the ground,” said Tommy.

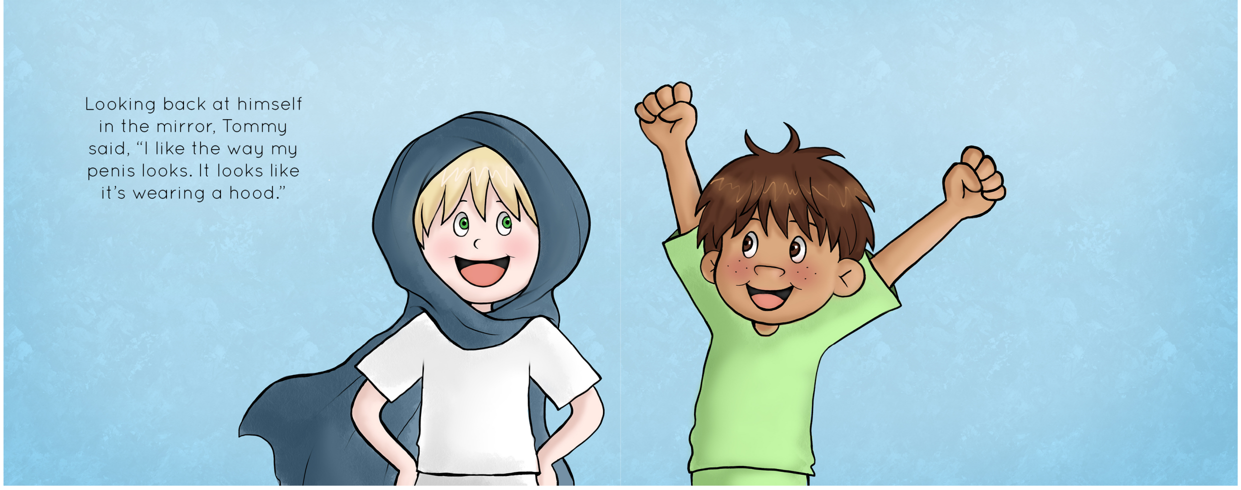


"Do they work the
same?" Tommy
asked.

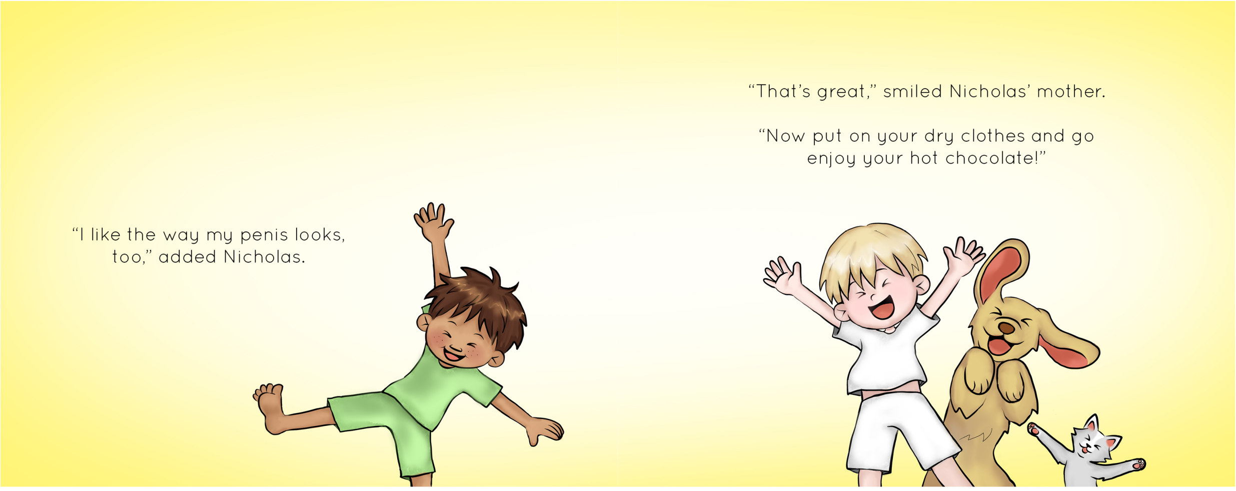
"Exactly the same,"
answered Nicholas'
mother.

"Just like your toes
and noses.

They may look a
little different, but
they both work
exactly the same."



Looking back at himself in the mirror, Tommy said, “I like the way my penis looks. It looks like it’s wearing a hood.”



“I like the way my penis looks, too,” added Nicholas.

“That’s great,” smiled Nicholas’ mother.

“Now put on your dry clothes and go enjoy your hot chocolate!”